

REMARKS

The Office Action dated November 16, 2009, has been received and carefully considered. No claims are amended in this Response. Reconsideration of the current rejections in the present application is also respectfully requested based on the following remarks.¹

I. SUPPORT FOR AMENDMENTS TO CLAIMS 1, 20, AND 21

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner notes "Applicant should specifically point out the support in the original disclosure for amended claims 1, 20, and 21. . . applicant should show support in the original disclosure for new or amended claims." Office Action, page 2.

Regarding claim 1, Applicant submits that support for the amendments to claim 1, for example, may be found in claim 1 as previously presented, as well as claim 2, which was canceled without prejudice. Stated differently, a substantial portion of amended claim 1 is simply a rearrangement of the elements of the

¹ As Applicant's remarks with respect to the Examiner's rejections are sufficient to overcome these rejections, Applicant's silence as to assertions made by the Examiner in the Office Action or certain requirements that may be applicable to such rejections (e.g., assertions regarding dependent claims, whether a reference constitutes prior art, whether references are legally combinable for obviousness purposes) is not a concession by Applicant that such assertions are accurate or such requirements have been met, and Applicant reserves the right to analyze and dispute such in the future.

previously presented claim 1, and dependent claim 2. Further, support for the "detecting" step may be found at, for example and without limitation, Figure 4, and page 10, line 13 to page 11, line 2. Support for the "performing" step may be found at, for example and without limitation, page 13, lines 14-21 and Figure 7, element 708. Support for the "reassembling" step may be found at, for example and without limitation, at Figure 7, element 710 and the surrounding text in the specification.

The above citations are intended as exemplary only, and should not be viewed as a comprehensive list of citations to the specification, figures, or claims. Other citations to the claim limitations also exist in the specification.

Claims 20 and 21, while of different scope than claim 1, contain similar limitations, and the citations provided for claim 1 may also be applicable to claims 20 and 21.

II. CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and an early indication of the same is courteously solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any issues and to expedite passage of the

present application to issue, if any comments, questions, or suggestions arise in connection with the present application.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 is hereby made.

Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0206, and please credit any excess fees to the same deposit account.

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